In the claims:

On page 12, cancel line 1, and substitute the following left-hand justified heading therefor:

5   **CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim 1, without prejudice, and substitute the following claim therefor:

2.   A method for conversion of a voice output of status messages from at least one appliance which is contained in the local area network and is connected to a 10   telecommunications terminal, the method comprising the steps of:

allocating a unique appliance identification to the at least one appliance;

storing first, second and third spoken phrases, which can be predetermined, for the at least one appliance;

transmitting a status of the at least one appliance to the telecommunications 15   terminal as a data word;

allocating the first, second and third spoken phrases as an output phrase to statuses of the at least one appliance, such that the first spoken phrase is selected as the output phrase for a first status which is identified by a first value of the data word, the second spoken phrase is allocated as the output phrase to a second status which is 20   identified by a second value of the data word, and both the third spoken phrase and a value of the data word, which is being converted for voice output and differs from the first and second values, are allocated as the output phrase to at least one third status, which is identified by a value of the data word which differs from the first and second values, when the data word is transmitted; and

25   forming the output phrase such that it can be transmitted to a device for speech synthesis.

REMARKS

The present amendment makes editorial changes and corrects typographical 30   errors in the specification, which includes the Abstract, in order to conform the specification to the requirements of United States Patent Practice. No new matter is added thereby. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the